the loan melas and demanded that banks should be the sole authority in deciding the beneficiaries under rural development schemes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDA FALETRO): (a) and (b) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has informed that in the reports submitted to it by tht various Chairmen of Public Sector Banks after their field visits, it was indicated that due to several deficiencies in the functioning of District Rural Development Agencies (DRDAs) and District Industries Centre (DICs), the quality of bank lending was becoming poorer. The RBI has further reported that they did not receive any information relating to criticism of loan melas. The Chairman of Public Sector Banks had suggested that the selection of beneficiaries under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) and under the Scheme for providing Self-Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) be delinked from the DRDAs and DICs respectively and be left to the committee of bankers, to avoid the multiplicity of agencies dealing with the financing of these programmes.

Grant of cash compensatory support to 100 per cent export oriented units on their finished products.

128. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to answer to the Unstarred Question 2546 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st December, 1987 and state:

(a) whether Government have since taken any decision on the grant of Cash Compensatory Support (CCS) to 100 per cent Export Oriented Units on their finished products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) No Sir, No final decision has been taken on the matter.

Alleged sati incident in a village of U.P.

129. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports regarding an alleged Sati incident in Mihir Kheria Village, Lalitpur district, Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and, what is Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that a case was registered on 10.1.1988 at Police Station Jakhlon, District Lalitpur (U.P.) in this regard. Enquiries revealed that Smt. Shakuntala, wife of deceased Harpal Singh who had